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PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Carstens. Next before I recognize Senator Stahmer here, I'd like the prerogative of introducing some youngsters up here in the south balcony, we have 37 third, and forth grade students from the Dorchester Public Schools, up there and they are from Senator Maresh's district and I notice that he is up there with them, so that I know he is making them feel welcome, but on behalf of the rest of the body of the legislature, we certainly are glad to have you here today as visitors to the Nebraska Unicameral. Their instructor is Mrs. Mary Ann Reiss and Mrs. Margaret Rasmussen, and we certainly are delighted to have you here today as visitors. We hope you enjoy your visit to the Capitol City, and to this remarkable building, and it sure beats going to school. Alright, now the Chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I just wanted to offer a point of information for Senator Carpenter, I presume he read in the paper, or otherwise gathered information about changes in the proposed budget bill that will be coming on the floor pertaining to the State Colleges and that section dealing with utilities was not for the actual furnishing of heat itself, it pertains only to Wayne State and had to do with the building, the amortization of the building and in no other state college or university, is the cost of the building itself or utilities charged against the students, this is not a utility payment of heat, it was the proration for the cost of the building itself, and I think if the Attorney General or other, rule to this, that the cost of the buildings for utilities be passed on to the students, we are going to find the dorm rates going up all over, maybe legally it should be, but this was the exception in reverse in Wayne State case, not that I'm trying to defend Wayne, but in all other institutions of higher education, the students in the dorm do not pay for the building costs, only for the heat itself, and this is what we were correcting in this once instance, rightly or wrongly, this is what we did and why we did it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson, then Senator Proud.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I'm not sure what action we have before us, that we are talking on, but since the issue did come up and we seem to be talking, I really think that Mr. Todd should be registered as a lobbyist. He did come and call me out and lobby me on some things that were of interest to him, I did not ask him for anything, but he came to me and I really feel that people who are in this capacity ought to be registered for at least the regulation by this body of what they are doing.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Simpson. The Chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: What question is before the house?

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Carpenter had earlier before final reading mentioned that he was going to make an inquiry regarding lobbyists --

SENATOR PROUD: Well is there any motion or anything before the body?

PRESIDENT: No.

SENATOR PROUD: Let's get off this ridiculous subject, if somebody wants to file a complaint, they can do it, I'm sure that Dr. Todd, Mr. Todd, will register if he thinks it's necessary now, and if he doesn't then somebody can file a complaint, let's not waste all morning on this.

PRESIDENT: Very good, the Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise Senator?